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{ re "Origin of Mitosing Cells" }

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Dear Lynn:

I'd better write you before my conscience starts to inhibit even that. I have your letter, which I read with amusement and delight, and a certain amount of sympathy; I also see a rather large manuscript, and I have to wonder when I will be able to find time to read it. I have not read it yet, and so have no way of judging the merit that there may be among your flat-terers and detractors, and frankly, I really don't have the foggiest idea when I will be able to get around to it. There are several other matters that I simply must give a higher priority to. So the most I can say is that I cannot promise not to read it, and if this happens you can be sure I will give you the benefit of any comment I may have to make, whether critical or otherwise. Meanwhile I can only suggest a couple of additional names: one, have you tried to get George Wald interested, and two, you might send it to Dwight Ingle, editor of "Perspectives in Biology and Medicine" at the University of Chicago. At least I know that Ingle is looking for this kind of paper for his journal, and is likely to approach your manuscript more sympathetically than most.

Don't be put off by Abelson's response; he was being more cordial than usual.. I had a hardly different comment from him when I submitted the enclosed.

It occurs to me that Roger Stanier should also be a possible entry on your list.

Sincerely yours,

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